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1. SEPTEMBER 7 PRAVDA CARRIES ARTICLE IN "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" BY YURIY ZHUKOV ON REORGANIZATION OF U.S. INFORMATION AND CULTURAL EFFORT OVERSEAS. ALTHOUGH FAIRLY MILD BY SOVIET STANDARDS OF VITUPERATION, ZHUKOV'S PIEVE TRIES TO ESTABLISH CLEAR LINKAGE BETWEEN USIA-TYPE ACTIVITIES, NOTABLY INCLUDING CULTUREAL EXCHANGE, AND "CRUDE INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES."

2. AFTER NOTING ALLEGED PURPOSE OF RL AND RFE TO STIR UP "ANTI-COMMUNIST FEELINGS AND INTERNAL POLITICAL DISAGREEMENTS IN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES," ZHUKOV MAKES SWEEPING CLAIM THAT "TO A CONSIDERABLE DEGREE THE ENTIRE COMPLEX OF AMERICAN MEANS OF INFORMATION AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES HAS BEEN INVOLVED AND STILL IS INVOLVED WITH THE SAME THING."

3. ZHUKOV THEN MOVES ON TO ANNOUNCED PLAN FOR REORGANIZATION OF THIS "COMPLEX", WHICH WASHINGTON ADDRESSEES WILL BE FLATTERED TO KNOW HE DESCRIBES
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AS "THAT HUGE APPARATUS, NUMBERING THOUSANDS OF EMPLOYEES AND GOBBLING UP MANY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS." ZHUKOV REVEALS THAT PURPOSE OF REORGANIZATION IS "TO PERMIT THE PROGAGANDA SERICES OF THE U.S. IS CLEARLY INTENDED" AS WELL AS "A NEW STRENGTHENING OF THEIR IDEOLOGICAL ACTIVITY."

4. THIS IS BEING DONE, ZHUKOV MAINTAINS, BECAUSE
OF WHAT HE CITES THE WASHINGTON STARR AS CALLING
"THE MOOD PREVAILING THE CORRIDORS OF POWER:
'THE UNITED STATES MUST MORE ACTIVELY USE ITS
INFLUENCE AGAINST THE POLITICAL SLIDE TO THE LEFT
IN WESTERN EUROPE." BUT, HE ADDS, WESTERN EUROPE
IS NOT THE ONLY TARGET OF THIS INTENDED MASSIVE
PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN; HE MENTIONS 12 POWERFUL NEW
TRANSMITTERS FOR VOA TO AFRICA AND ASAI AND 16 NEW
TRANSMITTERS FOR RFE AND RL.

5. ZHUKOV COMES TO A PROPERLY IDEOLOGICAL CONCLUSION:
"IT IS TIME TO UNDERSTAND," HE PONTIFICATES, "THAT
THESE MEDDLING ATTEMPTS TO FOIST ON OTHER COUNTRIES
AND PEOPLES THE NOTORIOUS AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE
ARE DOOMED TO FAILURE*"
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